

## Local Government Transparency Code

### Counter Fraud Work

The Local Government Transparency Code requires local authorities to publish information about their Counter Fraud work .

EFFECTIVE DATE March 2026

<b>INFORMATION</b>	<b>COUNTER FRAUD GROUP</b>
Number of occasions powers under the Prevention of Social Housing Fraud (Power to Require Information) (England) Regulations 2014, or similar powers have been used	<b>22</b>
Total number and full time equivalent of employees undertaking investigations and prosecutions of fraud	<b>8</b>
Total number and full time equivalent of professionally Accredited Counter Fraud Specialists: Graduate Counter Fraud Specialist Accredited Counter Fraud Specialist Certificate in Investigative Practice	<b>8</b> <b>1</b> <b>5</b> <b>2</b>
Total amount spent by the authority on the investigation and prosecution of fraud	<b>Budget 25/26</b> <b>£810,221</b>
Total number of fraud cases investigated	<b>699</b>

Information provided covers 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 inclusive unless stated otherwise.

More frequent/detailed information on Counter Fraud Work is reported quarterly to the Audit and Risk Committee (for previous years known as Audit and Standards Committee). Minutes are available at:

<https://lbbd.moderngov.co.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1>